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SUBJ: FONOFF SYG COMMENTS ON GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM
NATO

1. THIS EVENING WHILE GOING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY
SECRETARY GENERAL VLACHOS TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER
CARAMANLIS, I ASKED VLACHOS HOW GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM
NATO WOULD AFFECT US FACILITIES, STATING MY ASSUMPTION
THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. VLACHOS
REPLIED ILLUSTRATIVELY THAT SOUDA BAY AND NAMFI WERE
NATO FACILITIES AND WOULD HAVE TO GO, AND THAT GOG
WOULD BE REVIEWING ALL THE OTHER FACILITIES.

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2. VLACHOS WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS VERY SERIOUS MATTER. HE STATED THAT CARAMANLIS NOT A GREEK BUT A MACEDONIAN AND THAT WHEN HE SAID SOMETHING HE MEANT IT. VLACHOS SAW VERY LITTLE CHANCE THAT GREEK DECISION COULD BE REVERSED.

3. WHILE THIS MUST BE TAKEN AS A FIRST REACTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEEPEST GREEK DISAPPOINTMENT AND FRUSTRATION, I BELIEVE IT DOES INDICATE WE SHALL HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS INDEED AHEAD WITH RESPECT TO THE INTEGRAL MAINTENANCE OF OUR FACILITIES HERE.
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